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TOPIC KVP Exercises in the Torgau-Dommitzsch-Weidenhain Area and KVP in Torgau

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25X1 1. [redacted] a KVP training grounds in the area between Torgau-Dommitzsch and Weidenhain. The area, including the wood patch adjoining to the west, was cordoned off by VPs. Reports of guns were constantly heard during the period under review. [redacted] the guns were emplaced in the woods in the east section of the training area, with the direction of fire being west. Neither emplacements nor targets could be observed. The firing practice was held at battery and battalion level, with the guns firing individually. [redacted] Personnel observed wore blue service color. No vehicular traffic could be observed.

2. Between 18 and 22 August, KVP billets were determined in the barracks installations in the northwest of Torgau, on either side of Dommitzscher Strasse. The former military prison, which consisted of 8 to 10 buildings, was on the north side and a barracks installation of 15 to 20 quartering buildings on the south side of the street. [redacted]

3. Local residents stated that the KVP units stationed in Torgau sometimes practiced in an area near Rosenfeld and that, on 9 and 12 August, exercises with guns were held there.

[redacted] Comment. The firing practice was probably conducted by Artillery Officer School [redacted] stationed in Torgau.

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